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East Germany: Pankow has reacted negatively to a proposal that it discuss various intra-German issues with West German officials.

Foreign Minister Winzer on 13 August scored Bonn for allegedly attempting to prevent or delay a European security conference by demanding that Pankow first meet with the West Germans to discuss "so-called organizational intra-German relations." Winzer noted that his government is aware of "through whom" Bonn was attempting to penetrate East Germany through "technical and organizational questions," and said that Pankow will not open its frontiers to "old or new Nazis."

Winzer's remarks were apparently aimed at the Allied proposal, made last week to the Soviet Union, that Moscow use its influence to get Pankow to agree to talk with the West Germans on transportation, postal, and communications matters.

Winzer emphasized, as have other East German spokesmen, the standard position that negotiations between the two Germanies would be possible if Bonn accepted a draft treaty proposed by Pankow in 1967 as the basis for negotiations. He also stated that any agreements reached must be sanctioned by international law--that is, that Bonn recognize East Germany as a sovereign state.

Winzer's remarks and other recent East German statements suggest that the East Germans anticipate or are already under pressure from Moscow to assume a more reasonable position toward Bonn, and that Pankow is resisting. Winzer may have been reminding the Soviets that they recently agreed not to sacrifice East German interests when he cited a statement from the communiqué issued last month that East Germany and the Soviet Union would rebuff any attempts against their "sovereignty and independence."

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